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CARACAS FOR LOS DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PBOR, PFOR, EC, US

SUBJECT: LOS: POSSIBLE US-ECUADOREAN CONSULTATIONS ON FISHERIES
AT CARACAS CONFERENCE

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1. DCM ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF CALLED ON FONOFF TERRITORIAL
SOVEREIGNTY ADVISOR AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE, JUNE 17
PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. (DEMARCHE DELAYED AS FONOFF LAST
WEEK WAS TOTALLY CONVULSED BY PROTOCOLARY DEMANDS OF OPEC
MEETING AND BOLIVARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ATTENDED BY
PERSONAL DELEGATE OF POPE.)

2. BUSTAMANTE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND WITHOUT COMMENT
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TO PRESENTATION, WHICH CLOSELY FOLLOWED PARA TWO REFTEL.

WE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF GOE FISHERIES REGULATIONS AS THESE HAVE REMAINED PENDING SINCE EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS (QUITO 2942 AND 3022). BUSTAMANTE, IN TURN, DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF LINKAGE TO ASSOCIATION TALKS AND WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE A DEAD ISSUE.

3. IN REPLY, BUSTAMANTE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO TALK TOO SPECIFICALLY ABOUT TUNA, IMPLIEDLY BECAUSE OF ITS TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY. HOWEVER, THEY COULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF ANADROMOUS AND MIGRATORY SPECIES. HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF STEAMROLLER TACTICS AT THE CONFERENCE, AND THE DANGER THAT CONCEPTS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE MARITIME POWERS (OR TO ECUADOR) WOULD BE PUSHED THROUGH BY VOTE. THUS, HE COULD NOT COMMIT ECUADOR TO BE BOUND IN ADVANCE TO "ANY NEW PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF FISH RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS IN CARACAS". NEVERTHELESS, THE GOE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US AT CARACAS ON LOS TOPICS AND HE WOULD ASK FONMIN TO APPROVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR DELEGATION TO MAKE CONTACT WITH OURS TO THAT END.

4. BUSTAMANTE ALSO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON HOW BEST TO APPROACH THE GOE ON MIGRATORY SPECIES. A DIALOG WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, HE SAID, IF THE US ATTEMPTED TO DENY ECUADOREAN "SOVEREIGNTY" OVER FISH WHILE THEY ARE IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS. HOWEVER, ONCE THIS CONCEPT WERE ACCEPTED, ECUADOR WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS, AND COOPERATE WITH, AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO PROTECT TUNA AND OTHER SPECIES. IT WAS A QUESTION OF CREATING THE RIGHT PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE: IF HER RIGHT TO SOVEREIGNTY WERE NOT ATTACKED, ECUADOR WOULD IN EFFECT BE WILLING TO CONCEDE SOME OF IT IN THE INTERESTS OF CONSERVATION OF SPECIES.

5. SAME POINT WAS MADE SEPARATELY TO EMBOFF JUNE 14 BY OSWALDO RAMIREZ, DIRECTOR OF FONOFF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY OFFICE AND ADVISOR TO ECUADOREAN LOS DELEGATION. RAMIREZ, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO IS EXPECTED TO EXERCISE ACTIVE ROLE ON DELEGATION, WAS VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD ON THIS POINT. HE WAS PLEASED AT OUR DEMARCHE AND QUITE OPTIMISTIC RE POSSIBILITY OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

6. IN NEITHER FONOFF ENCOUNTER WAS NECESSITY OF COORDINATING TALKS WITH CEP POWERS BROUGHT UP, UNLIKE PERUVIANS (LIMA 4741).

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